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Aloha Mr. Kubo,

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on this momentous occasion announcing the formation of Hawaii's Wounded Warrior Support Program. For five years the Wounded Warrior Support Program has been helping injured service members successfully transition back into civilian life. Now with the formation of Hawaii's Wounded Warrior Support Program, we can offer them the same important assistance here in the islands. This program would not have been possible without your leadership and outreach initiative, bringing this agenda to the attention of other U.S. Attorneys and building successful partnerships with National Military Commanders.

I recently had the honor of visiting the Warrior Transition Battalion at Schofield, and I was able to sit and talk with about fifty soldiers. Speaking with them drives home the importance of the work you do. This work is crucial to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely injured service men and women who return home. You provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs and most importantly you provide a means for veterans to help each other.

With troops being deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, we face a new generation of wartime veterans as they return from the battlefield. We are truly thankful for their courage, dedication and loyal service. Now more than ever, it is essential that we support all our returning troops. I pledge to work with Hawaii's Wounded Warrior Support Program to ensure all our veterans and their families receive the support and care they deserve.

*Mahalo nui loa* to you and all the staff involved with the Hawaii's Wounded Warrior Support Program for their dedication and commitment to such significant work.

*Sincerely,*

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Member of Congress  
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